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Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Ambassador Hotel, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 6-10 October 2003

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 6 October 2003

8:30-9:00 Registration of Participants

9:00-10:00 **Opening Ceremony**

- Statement and official opening by Trinidad and Tobago
- Statement by ECLAC
- Statement by HE Ambassador Jagdish Koonjul, Chairman of AOSIS
- Statement by Manuel Dengo, Chief, Water, Natural Resources and SIDS Branch, UN DESA

10:00-10:30 **Working Session I**

- Appointment of Chairman, Facilitator and Drafting Committee
- Adoption of Agenda
- Overview of Meeting objectives and outline of Meeting Structure
- Organization of Work

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 **Working Session II:**

Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action (BPoA) for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

- Introductory overview by the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- Discussion Session

Presentation of National Reports

Statements by countries to address:

- *Status of implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action (BPoA)*
- *Constraints and gaps*
- *New and emerging issues*

12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Presentation of National Reports (continued)
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-18:00	Presentation of National Reports (continued)

Tuesday, 7 October 2003

9:00-10:30	Working Session III: <i>Review and assessment of National Reports:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Summary report on countries' experience (<i>Meeting Rapporteur</i>)- Discussion Session- Synthesis of National Reports (<i>Mr. Cletus Springer, consultant to CARICOM</i>)
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	Working Session IV: <i>The implementation of the BPoA in the Caribbean: Achieving sustainable development in the context of vulnerability.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Panel Discussion on the measurement of the vulnerability of SIDS; its social, economic and environmental dimensions, and on building resilience in SIDS
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-18:00	Working Session V: Regional Cooperation and Partnerships Presentations and discussion on regional imperatives and activities – UNDP, UNEP, MACC, UNFF, UNESCO, UNDESA, other regional and international agencies, and civil society. Statement on the outcome of the Civil Society Encounter

Wednesday, 8 October 2003

- 9:00-10:30 ***Establishment of the Working Group:***
- Identification of subregional priorities towards the building of resilience to the different dimensions of vulnerability (emphasising those actions that *build the maximum synergy*)
 - Promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-12:30 ***Working Group continues***
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-16:00 **Working Session VI:**
Discussion session – A Caribbean Vision for the next 20 years
- Strategic preparation to achieve objectives at Mauritius – Barbados, Belize, CARICOM, ECLAC, OECS, AOSIS. (This discussion session should be based on the priorities and recommendations from the working group, and should establish an outline for the Caribbean regional position paper for the Bahamas meeting)
 - The international process leading to Mauritius and beyond. Consideration of mechanisms needed to ensure implementation of BPOA, JPOI and MDGs. Effective integration of SIDS issues in the CSD review process - UNDESA
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30-18:00 *Discussion session (continued)*

Thursday, 9 October 2003

- 9:00-9:12.30 **Drafting Committee**
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-16:00 Continuation of Drafting Committee

Friday, 10 October 2003

- 9:00-10:30 **Working Session VIII:**
Consideration of the Draft Text

- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:30 *Consideration of the Draft Text (continued)*
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-16:00 **Working Session IX: *Adoption of Text***
- Adoption of Text
 - Closure of Meeting